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Happy Holidays!
Lucy Dalmitch

Rev. Jim Bridges

Wishing you a warm Holiday
June

May God bless you each + every day.
Woody

Merry Christmas
Marie Larsen

Cheryl Mitchell

Merry Christmas
Vicki Williams

Happy Holidays,
Peter Dishner

Have a Cool Yule
Pete

Ho! Ho! Ho!
Merry Christmas.
Rita Nowotny

Gary Strutt

MSCC Student Members

Merry Christmas
Debra Hoffer
Happy Holidays!
Simone Pelletier

Merry Christmas
Rosana Hoffer

Joy and Peace.
Marilyn Bible

Merry Christmas
Rebecca Bettridge

Merry Christmas
Marcia Adam

God Bless You and
the New Year
Linda M. Halvorsen

Noel
Joseph H. Rice

John R. Vance

Merry Christmas
Sharon Austin

Merry Christmas
Debbie DeVore

Merry Christmas
Sandy Lonquest

Merry Christmas!
Mary Queen

Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays
Theodore Gustafson

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Bob Brown

Merry Christmas
Paul Gustafson
Bobbie Stephenson

Merry Christmas
Joy. Peace
Bobbie DeVore

Joanne Quatmann
Sue Thompson

Happy Holidays
Bobby Simon

Have a very merry christmas and a happy new year

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As I count off the days left till Christmas, I cannot help but think that the end of another year is not far behind. As years go, 1980 wasn't so bad. Sure, I can reflect upon all that was negative but all that would do is make me sad. I do not want to be sad. There are too many beautiful, wonderful and happy moments to remember and be thankful for. Instead of complaining about one or another aspect of life, I can reflect upon what is good and right.

We hustle and bustle around doing all that it takes to survive in this land of plenty. Whether it be at work, at home, or at school, we don't have time to stop and "smell the roses." It's not unusual though, we all find the time to complain about the inconveniences that come our way and in the shuffle, we forget to acknowledge all that we've accomplished, all that we have to be thankful for.

In the cold of a winter morning, I am thankful that I have warm covers. I am thankful for the beuatiful sunrise, so different and unique from other sunrises. I am thankful for the smile on my daughter's face as she gives me a good morning hug and kiss. I am thankful that my pipes haven't frozen in the night; thankful that my car starts; thankful for the warm pair of gloves, woolen scarf and long underwear. My list of "thankfuls," could go on and on but I am sure that your list would be equally as long or longer, if you took the time to make one.

You ask me, "What if didn't have warm covers, gloves or underwear? What if your pipes froze and your car wouldn't start? Would you still say you were thankful?" My answer would be a simple, "yes." I would still be thankful because I know that there are people out there who care enough about me to see that I wouldn't freeze, people who may have less than I do, who are willing to share what they have with another because they are truly friends. Friends who are there, not only in a time of need but always. No matter how little we think we have, we really have so much to be thankful for if only in the friendships we've created with others.

My Christmas message to you all is one that I would like you to remember while you are standing on line at the check-out wondering why prices have gone up so high; while you are fighting the traffic or rushing about from one store to another. It is one that should be remembered every day of the year:

Christmas is more than just a promise
of peace and brotherhood...
It is a time to look forward and not behind,
a time to say "thank you," even when we can find
little to be "thankful" for.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!..... AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND..... Rae Nelson

C H R I S T M A S I S . . . . .

Christmas is a time for sharing...Peace, love and brotherhood...
Carolers voices fill the air...singing songs that are so dear...

Christmas is a time for joy...smiling faces playing with new toys...
Family and friends, getting together...sharing gifts and good cheer...

Christmas is a time that comes but once a year...
But its meaning is always here...

Rae Nelson

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

So now is come our joyful'st feast, Let every man be jolly.
Each room with ivy-leaves is dressed,
And every post with holly.
Though some churls at our mirth repine
Round your foreheads garlands twine,
Drown sorrow in a cup of wine,
And let us be merry.

George Wither(1588-1667)

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C is for the Christ child, born upon this day,
H is Herald Angels in the night,
R is our Redeemer,
I means Isreal
S is for the stars that shone so bright
T is for Three Wise Men, they traveled far,
M is for the manger where He lay
A is ALL HE STANDS FOR,
S means Shepherds came

Put them all together and they spell CHRISTMAS.....

Anonymous

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. Through the month of December, the College library will be the scene of a very special show - a show of work, including pottery, watercolors and weavings, by local Valley artists.

Although the library has hosted various art shows during the last few years, this is the first group show to be seen here. Among the artists exhibiting their work are Lynn St. Amand, Jo Ann Tornberg, Brigette Cooper, Sheryl Heikes, Dennis McKenzie, Cire Gray, Leonard Peck and Arthur Higgins. All of these people call the Valley their home; and many of them are full-time artists.

However, even though there would seem to be no shortage of dedicated artists in this area, there is sometimes an apparent lack of interest, by the local public, in the art being produced here. At present, the College library is the only public place in the area for art exhibitions; and some of the artists at the show's opening on December 1st expressed regret that they are often forced into producing their art on a commission basis only, as there is nowhere in the Valley where they can show their work for sale. Jo Ann Tornberg, who has several watercolors in this exhibit, remarked that, "Wasilla is presently in a transition period. It's time to start thinking about cultural pursuits."

This show also presents a great opportunity for those of you who have just realised that Christmas is only a few weeks away. All the art exhibited is for sale - at affordable prices! And remember - all these items are originals. You won't have to worry about buying the same gift as anyone else. (If you do buy one of the pieces on show you will be able to pick it up anytime after December 15th, even though the show will continue for the whole month.) Don't miss it!

Maureen Curran.